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Date: February 11, 2019

Dear Permittee:

On February 7, 2019, Matt and Andy met with Alex and Reed to discuss the 2019 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Railroad Allotment. The pasture rotation and numbers agreed upon are as follows:

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Wilson	400 cow/calf	March 1 to March 15
Cactus Flat	400 cow/calf	March 16 to April 12
Walker Lake	400 cow/calf	April 13 to May 4
Rattlesnake	400 cow/calf	May 5 to June 1
Owens	400 cow/calf	June 2 to June 8
Fence Tank	50 cow/calf	June 1 to September 30
Juniper Ridge	350 cow/calf	June 9 to July 6
McCleve	50 cow/calf	July 7 to August 3
Pinedale/Deerlick	300 cow/calf	July 7 to August 3
East Cottonwood	50 cow/calf	August 4 to August 17
Lons	300 cow/calf	August 4 to September 30
Mortenson	400 cow/calf	October 1 to October 15
Bull Hollow	400 cow/calf	October 16 to November 12
Bull Hollow HP	400 cow/calf	November 13 to November 20
Blue Grass	400 cow/calf	November 21 to December 20
Thistle	400 cow/calf	December 21 to January 25
Bull Hollow	400 cow/calf	January 26 to February 15
Cactus Flat	400 cow/calf	February 16 to February 28

The bulls (30) will spend the majority of their time with the main herd. When the bulls are pulled off the herd, they will be placed in the Bull Pastures. The Lone Pine Riparian and Show Low Pastures will be used sparingly for thin cows, or other cows that need to be separated from the herd for various reasons. Utilization for the 2019 grazing season should not exceed an average of 35% in all pastures. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. Any adjustments to the rotation need to be coordinated and approved by the Forest Service. When moving between pastures, livestock need to be completely moved out of the pasture within 3 days of the planned rotation date. You must notify the Forest Service if there is a need to deviate from the planned move date. By this letter, I also authorize you or personnel working for you to cut, use or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Railroad Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession with you or them while engaged in any tree cutting.



Also discussed at the meeting were range improvements. The current grant for converting wells to solar is moving along. The arch clearance has been obtained for the wells and we will work on converting the wells this year. The four wells to be converted are East, West, Lone Pine, and Cactus Flat. Proposed pipelines will need to be layed out and proper clearances must be obtained at the new drinker/storage locations. Alex and Reed came up with a list of cattle guards that need cleaning. The Forest Service will work on getting these cleaned. Any other ground disturbing work will need to be coordinated with the Forest Service to make sure all clearances have been obtained before work can begin.

If you have any questions, please contact Kendell, Matt, or Andy at Black Mesa, (928)535-7300 or at Lakeside, (928) 368-2100. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2019 grazing year. I am willing to meet with the permittee to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these Annual Operating Instructions.

Sincerely,



EDWARD COLLINS  
District Ranger

cc: Alex Burnham, Reed Pankratz